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## SANTA CLAUS RUN OVER.

Falls and Slips Under a Trolley Car at New York.

## LEG SWINGS FROM KNEE.

William Mahoney's Limb, However, Is Made of Wood, So Procuring Crutches and Dragging Stump, He Proceeds to Place of Merrymaking.

New York, Dec. 25.—William Mahoney, a Staten Island teamster, while hurrying to the home of a friend in Brooklyn, where he was to act as Santa Claus, fell and slipped under a trolley car at the Manhattan side of the Brooklyn bridge. The toys which he carried scattered to the winds, and spectators who rushed to the man's aid noted to their horror that one of his legs was swinging limply from the knee, apparently having been all but severed.

A hurry call was sent for an ambulance, but before it arrived Mahoney arose and announced that the member was made of wood. It had been severed in fact, but the teamster, not to be thwarted in his Christmas plans, hastily procured some crutches and, dragging the stump of his wooden leg assisted by his good one, proceeded blithely on his journey, arriving at his friend's house in time to appear as a crippled Santa Claus.

## Postmasters Cannot Solicit.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Postmasters will not in the future, on pain of dismissal, be allowed to solicit the mailing of matter at their offices by persons living or doing business within the delivery of another postoffice, according to an order issued by the postmaster general amending the postal regulations.

The order further provides that fourth class postmasters are instructed not to claim credit for cancelling postage stamps on matter diverted from other offices to their offices for mailing.

## SHOCKS POLICE.

Gambling House Well Charged With Electricity.

New York, Dec. 25.—An alleged gambling resort protected by a sheet iron door charged with electricity was entered by the police and a man who is said to be the proprietor placed under arrest. The place, which is situated in Seventh street, was raided about two weeks ago, and according to the police the man arrester is the same who was held as the proprietor on that occasion.

In breaking in the door several policemen were slightly shocked, and electricity apparatus is said to have been found. Entering the parlor, the police found it necessary to chop a hole through the floor to reach the basement, where fifty men were gathered. Race slips, tally sheets for the Oakland and Los Angeles tracks, part of a roulette table, a faro layout and other gambling paraphernalia were confiscated.

## Murdered and Robbed.

Eldorado, Ark., Dec. 25.—C. W. Massingale, aged fifty years, of Valentine, Neb., who has been here for several months, was robbed of about \$200 and killed. His body was found near the school building here. Lee L. Combs, a farmer living about four miles from here, was arrested, and is held in connection with the killing.

## Hangs Himself at Hotel.

New Orleans, Dec. 25.—A. P. Tanner, fuel inspector of the New Orleans and Northeastern railroad, who resided at Meridian, Miss., committed suicide in his room at the hotel here by hanging.

## Mine Workers Telegraph Protest.

Birmingham, Dec. 25.—The officers of the United Mine Workers of America in Alabama sent to the president of the United States a telegram protesting against the conviction and sentence to penal servitude of Messrs. Mitchell, Gompers and Morrison.

## PICTURE SHOWS CLOS.

Mayor McClellan Heeds Wish of Ministers.

New York, Dec. 25.—Moved by protests of ministers of every denomination who complained to him that the great majority of the 550 moving picture show establishments of Greater New York were exhibiting pictures detrimental to the morals of the youth of the city, Mayor McClellan has issued a drastic order revoking every picture show license issued by the bureau of licenses.

The order intimates that the revocation is only temporary, but the con-



GEORGE H. MCCLELLAN.

ditions under which the new licenses will be issued are such that it is doubtful if more than a third of the licenses revoked will be re-issued.

In addition to the representations made to him by the clergy of the city the mayor had had a report from Battalion Chief Higgins of the fire department which stated that almost without exception the halls where such shows are given are only partially equipped with safeguards against fire and fire panics.

The order has caused consternation among the moving picture show people, and preparations are being made by them to contest its validity in the courts.

## CRISP AND CLEAR.

Salvation Army, Volunteers of America and Others Feed Many Mortals.

New York, Dec. 25.—Christmas dawned in New York crisp and clear after a night of gaiety in the hotels and theaters. Charitable organizations, including the Salvation Army, Volunteers of America, and which began Thursday their distribution of good and wholesome things to the poor, continued their work. The usual spread was provided by the Salvation Army and many baskets were sent to countless homes of the needy.

American craft, either at sea or in the harbor, prepared to honor the day with fitting ceremonies. Special dinners were served on all the steamers. Each department on the great German boats arranged for its own Christmas tree.

Even the sluggish craft, humble

The Officer,

Directors,

and

Shareholders

of the

City National Bank

Beg to wish for all our Patrons

Friends and Acquaintances a

Merry Christmas

... AND A ...

Happy New Year!

barges and the like, were decked with green, and now and then a Christmas tree aboard for the captain's children. Three thousand seven hundred aliens at Ellis Island had their first glimpse of an American Christmas with a dinner. There was a great musical program, a good dinner and a display of American flags, greens and good cheer which familiarized the immigrants with Yankee customs.

## Two Burned.

New York, Dec. 25.—While trying to extinguish a Christmas tree which caught fire early Friday morning at his home, Nathaniel Butler was so badly burned about the face and body that it is doubtful if he will live.

Frederick Plugge was also burned in endeavoring to put the fire out, although not seriously. The damage amounted to several hundred dollars.

## Monument Contract Let.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Dec. 25.—A contract for the erection of a memorial monument to Barbara Heick, the founder of Methodism in America, was awarded to local contractors. The monument, the cost of which is to be defrayed by popular subscription of Methodists, is to be erected on the Canadian bank of the St. Lawrence river, where the body of Mrs. Heick is buried.

## Passes Away in Florida.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Word was received here that Cyrus R. Teed, known as "Korosh I," and self styled "Messiah" of the widely known "Sunset Flat Heaven," which flourished in Normal Park, a Chicago suburb, in 1892, died in Florida.

A Merry and Happy

Xmas

to all

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requests the honor of your presence at the sale of  
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## Fancy Groceries

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on Saturday morning, eight o'clock, December 12th  
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Bryan, Texas

### Lovers of Pure Comedy.

Don't fail to be present at the Grand opera house, Thursday night, when Adelaide Thurston and her splendid supporting company will be the attraction in her new play "The Woman's Hour", by Frederic Paulding. The play is described as an American comedy of modern life and from the criticisms received by Miss Thurston since the opening of her present tour, she has again been fortunate in securing a character to portray that displays her ability to its best advantage. She has brushed by the tears of the past few years and again the girlish laugh the merry twinkle of that roguish eye is the dominant feature of the evening's entertainment.

### Weather Notes.

Galveston, Dec. 24.—The barometric pressure is comparatively high over east and Gulf Atlantic states, and over the plateau and Pacific districts. A depression of moderate energy, which moved in over the northwest, is now central over Minnesota. Precipitation has occurred in extreme western Texas, and in the northern and middle portions of the Plateau and of the Pacific district. Elsewhere it has been generally fair, although there has been increasing cloudiness over Texas and the eastern half of the country. The temperature has risen over a broad area extending from the Rio Grande northeastward into the Lake region. A moderate fall has occurred in portions of Colorado, Kansas and the Missouri valley. The rise in Texas has been from 10 to 16 degrees, and at time of report the temperature in this State ranged from 42 degrees at El Paso to 58 degrees at Galveston.

### First Methodist Church.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., Prof. R. O. Allen, superintendent.  
Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. sharp. At the evening service Miss Lillie Morris will render one or more hymns in the deaf mute sign language.  
Rosebuds at 2:30 p. m. Special talk about Scarritt Bible and Training School by Miss Martha Morris, a pupil of that school.  
Senior Epworth League 4 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.  
A cordial invitation to attend these services is extended to all.  
Thomas H. Morris, Pastor.

### An Appreciation.

To each of our customers who have contributed their patronage during the past year and to whom we owe the progress we have achieved, we extend our heartiest greetings and proffer our best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR  
We anticipate that the good will born us by our customers and friends will influence others to divert in our direction a share of their patronage the coming year.

EMMEL & MALONEY,  
Prescription Druggists

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### SIDE BY SIDE.

Men Who Was to Have Been Brothers-in-Law Corpses.

Rush Springs, Okla., Dec. 25.—In the morgue two men who were to have been brothers-in-law lie side by side, the result of two tragedies.

Lee Lincoln, while cleaning his gun preparing for a hunt, was accidentally shot. He died on a train en route to Fort Worth, where he was being taken for treatment. He had secured his marriage license to marry on the day his death occurred. His body was brought back home and his fiancée and her sister, Mrs. Henry Trapp, spent the night at the Lincoln home.

When they returned they were shocked to find the body of Henry Trapp in the parlor with his head almost shot away and by his side an empty shotgun. No cause can be assigned for the last tragedy.

### Why Not a Postage Stamp?

Washington, Dec. 25.—If one can drop a coin in a vending machine and receive a piece of chewing gum or a handful of peanuts, why not a postage stamp? That is just what the post-office department wants to make a popular feature of its service, and in an order just issued announcement is made that the department is prepared to issue limited amounts of stamps in rolls of 500 to 1,000 stamps for use in stamp vending and stamp-affixing machines. Postmasters desiring to try the new proposition are requested to make their requisition to the department.

### Unique Presents.

Atlanta, Dec. 25.—Governor Hoke Smith has received a unique present in the shape of a watch chain which came to him from forty convicts working in the coal mines of Walker county. The note which accompanied the gift stated that it was an expression of thanks to the governor for his successful efforts to abolish the convict lease system and the adoption of prison reforms under his administration.

A similar token was sent by the convicts to State Senator T. S. Felder of Macon, who was chairman of the legislative committee which investigated the convict lease system.

### Intended as Warning.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—That \$60,000 in forged bills receivable has been recently "planted with the banks of Chicago" is a warning issued to bankers, trust companies and note brokers.

The method by which the swindle is operated is said to include the issuance of duplicate bills receivable. These are disposed of to note brokers at the usual discount. The brokers, in turn, discount the paper with their respective banks.

### Shoots Three Persons.

Gibbsland, La., Dec. 25.—W. C. Brice shot and wounded Town Marshal Rogers, fatally shot John Moberly, an old and highly respected citizen, and seriously wounded a negro whose name is not known. Brice was taken to Shreveport.

### Reduced Ten Cents.

New York, Dec. 25.—All grades of refined sugar have been reduced 10 cents per 100 pounds.

### Third "Black Hand" Letter.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Vito Lantillo has received a third "Black Hand" warning demanding \$1,500, to be paid Friday, under penalty of death. Lantillo gave the letter to the police.

### THE BASILISK.

How the Fabulous Monster Was Pictured by Ancient Writers.

The basilisk was the most famous of the many fabulous monsters of mediaeval folklore. According to the popular notion, it was hatched by a toad from an egg laid by the cock of the common barnyard fowl. In the ancient picture books it was usually represented as an eight limbed serpent or dragon, sometimes with and sometimes without wings. Its name is derived from basiliscos, meaning a little king, and was applied because the creature was figured with a circle of white spots on its head which much resembled a crown. The cockatrice, a species of basilisk, besides having a crown, possessed a comb which was an exact counterpart of the cock's.

Pliny assures us that the basilisk had a voice which "struck terror to the hearts of men, beasts and serpents." The Bible classes it with the lion, the serpent and the dragon as one of the most formidable creatures. Old writers—Pliny, Bascho and others—say that its bite was mortal in every case, that its breath was suffocating and that no plant would grow in the vicinity of its lair. Its dead body was often suspended in belfries to prevent swallows from building there.

### Disease Scents.

"Every disease almost has its peculiar odor," said a doctor. "This odor helps us greatly in diagnosis.

"Gout imparts to the skin a smell precisely like whey. Diabetes causes a sweet, honey-like smell. Jaundice occasions a smell of musk. Smallpox has a very strong and hideous smell. It is like burning bones. Measles has a smell as of fresh plucked feathers.

"The fevers have the most distinctive odors. The odor of typhus is ammoniacal; that of intermittent is like fresh brown bread hot from the oven; that of typhus is musty, recalling to the mind old, damp cellars; that of yellow fever is like the washings of a dirty gun barrel.

"So, you see, to speak of a doctor scenting our disease is not to use a mere figure of speech."

### A Surprise For the Thief.

Herr Hager, a rich and influential banker, frequently had watches picked from his pocket. At first he had recourse to all kinds of safety chains; then one morning he took no precaution whatever and quietly allowed himself to be robbed. At night, on returning from his business, he took up the evening paper; he uttered an exclamation of delight. A watch had exploded in a man's hands. The victim's hands were shattered and the left eye destroyed. The crafty banker had filled the watch case with dynamite, which exploded in the operation of winding.—London Telegraph.

### A Difficult Task.

One of the greatest puzzles, said a member of parliament, is how to conciliate the most worthy and honorable intentions to an opponent, how to profess an unswerving and unfading belief in his uncompromising veracity and bona fides and at the same time to convey a distinct conviction that he is an impostor and a humbug of the first water and an accomplished Ananias carrying a welter of thirteen stone seven pounds in the mendacity hand.—London Opinion.

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## Merry Xmas

E. J. Jenkins

# The Big Grocery Sale

will continue until everything is disposed of. Hundreds of new buyers as well as our old customers are taking advantage of this close-out sale for cash. Remember all purchases of One Dollar and over delivered free. Below we quote a few prices on articles that have not appeared before. All other goods in proportion:

18 lbs. Granulated Sugar for.... \$1.00  
Swift's Premium Ham per pound 14c  
Swift's Premium Bacon per lb.... 20c  
18-oz. Bot. Fancy Selected Queen Olives, per bottle..... 20c  
20-oz. Bottle Fancy Selected Queen Olives per bottle..... 25c  
18-oz. Bot. Fancy Selected Stuffed Olives, per bottle..... 20c  
14-oz. Bot. Hyman's sour mixed pickles, per bottle..... 7 1/2c

40-oz. Bot. Hyman's sour mixed Pickles, per bottle..... 20c  
64-oz. Bot. Hyman's sour mixed Pickles, per bottle..... 35c  
One-half Gallon Hyman's sour Mixed Pickles, per bottle..... 50c  
40-oz. Bot. Hyman's sour spiced Lily Hot, per bottle..... 20c  
40-oz. Bot. Hyman's sour spiced Chow-Chow, per bottle..... 20c  
20-oz. Bot. Heinz sour spiced Mixed Pickles..... 12 1/2c

24-oz. Bot. Heinz sour spiced Mixed Pickles..... 17 1/2c  
24-oz. Bot. Heinz Sweet Mixed Pickles, per bottle..... 20c  
32-oz. Bot. Heinz India Relish per bottle..... 25c  
14-oz. Bot. Heinz Evaporated Horse Radish..... 25c  
All kinds of Bulk Pickles at greatly reduced prices.

We have plenty of all goods previously advertised at prices quoted. Call to see us or phone your orders. Remember these goods are all fresh clean stock and will be sold at prices quoted.

Phone 42.

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Remember  
NO TICKETS  
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During This  
SALE

*Beginning Saturday Morning, December 26th, we offer all Mens' Suits, Overcoats, Ladies Suits Cloaks, Children's Suits*

Remember  
NO TICKETS  
Made  
During This  
SALE

AND ALL WINTER GOODS AT DISCOUNT OF

## 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ PER CENT

In order to sell all winter goods, as we are determined to carry nothing over, we make the above discount 33  $\frac{1}{3}$  per cent.

## CLEAN SWEEP

No Tickets Made During This Sale

All other merchandise carried by us, except noted above during this sale will be sold at a discount of

20%

## NOTHING RESERVED

Ladies Waists—Laces, Embroideries, Ribbons, White Goods, Staples of every kind, all at 20 per cent. off. This will be a great opportunity to the economical buyer. Every department is complete.

SALE BEGINS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26TH.

## A. J. Wagner & Co.,

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BRYAN, - - - TEXAS

Mens' Ladies and  
Children Shoes at

### 20 PER CENT Discount

Every Item in our Store, Furnishing Goods, Notions, Silks, Table Linen, Towels, Domestic, Trunks, Suit Cases, All at

### 20 PER CENT Discount

It will pay you to select Goods needed later at the discount Sale . . . . .

### 20 and 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ Per Cent.

### NOTHING Reserved

Remember  
No Tickets  
MADE  
During this Sale

Mens' Fine Shirts  
All at

### 20 PER CENT OFF

Take our regular price all marked in plain figures, now less

### 33 $\frac{1}{3}$

On all Clothing, Overcoats, Ladies Suits and Wraps.

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### Saturday Morning, December 26th

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BRYAN, TEXAS, DECEMBER 26.

Uptodate colleges are adding automatics and aeroplanatics to their curricula.

God pity the poor Esquimaux and Laplanders—They had no Christmas turkey.

An exchange says a modern Sabbath day's journey is twice around the gold links.

Mud is an energy-waster and a business killer. Good roads and paved streets are prosperity promoters.

The crank reformer is a dangerous man in direct ratio to his earnestness. But not all reformers are cranks.

When the rangers go to New Braunfels to enforce the Sunday law they can feed their horses on the hay stored in the county jail.

How we pity the poor fellows out on the plains and among the Transpecos mountains! There are no fat possums out there.

Well bred cotton and corn are as important as well bred horses, cattle and hogs. Scrub stock of all kinds, whether with or without legs, is unprofitable.

Senator Knox who is slated to be secretary of state in Taft's cabinet is reputed a great poker player. If so he ought to be good at bluffing in the game of international affairs.

John Longboat, a Canadian Indian, has made a December record that can't be beat—he has won the 26-mile footrace, joined the church and married—all within two weeks.

The sugar people and the salt people are wrapping their 100-pound packages in cotton. But the cotton people continue to wrap their 500-pound packages in imported burlap. No wonder the cotton people are poor.

When the old timer tells the children of the next generation that he has actually seen razor-back hogs and scrub cattle in Brazos county the narrative will be received with incredulous smiles.

The Italio-Americans of Dallas got together and agreed to pay their poll taxes. Now what will the Italio-Americans of Brazos do about it. Next year is going to be a mighty good time to have a poll tax receipt.

If the process of photographing thoughts could be used for judicial purposes the depositions of Rockefeller, Archbold, Cromwell and Harman could be illustrated with some mighty interesting pictures.

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Office upstairs over Smith Drug Co.

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Office in Tahafero Building, Opposite Court House, Phone 37.  
Have in office the only set of Abstracts of Brazos County Land Titles.  
One and one-half lots and six-room house, located two blocks from Main street; corner lot, brick cistern and stable. \$1,050.00.

Two lots and new five room cottage with bath, located in southeast part of town. Price \$2,000.00 with terms to suit purchaser.

Many a Woman  
Has experienced the loss or wear out of some of the working parts of the common or ordinary makes of machines, which could not be replaced. If you buy a Singer you get the best machine made and from a company that is in every town and city in the United States.  
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A San Antonio father has applied for an injunction restraining a young man from coming to his house to court his daughter. 'Tis thus paternalism grows; an old fashioned father would use the toe of his brogans.

It is a mistake to place children under influences that will bias them in their religious or political predilections. Truth is more beautiful than error, and every normal child will embrace this when her loveliness is revealed. Truth asks nothing but a fair field and no favor. Get this from John Milton, in defense of a free press, in the Areopagitica. Though all the winds of doctrine be let loose upon the earth, so truth be in the field, we injure her to mislead her strength! Let her and falsehood grapple! Who ever knew truth put to the worse in a free and open encounter? Who knows not that truth is strong next to the Almighty! She needs no policies nor stratagems to make her victorious. Give her room and do not bind her when she sleeps; for then she speaks not true."

### A BOOST FOR BRYAN.

Noting the paragraph in The Eagle yesterday about midwinter tomatoes at Del Rio, Mr. W. C. Wilcox brought in a paper bag of generous size and full of perfectly developed specimens of Mill's Early Wonder, which he had just picked from the vine in his garden, where it grew without any protection whatever. Mr. Wilcox states that the same vines had been in constant bearing, supplying his table with abundance of this wholesome fruit, since about the middle of May. This beat Del Rio and is the best boost of the climate and gardening possibilities of Bryan that has yet come to our knowledge.

### THE WORLD'S NOTABLES.

**Francis Brown.**  
Arranged for The Morning Eagle: Dr. Francis Brown, president of the Union Theological Seminary and one of the most distinguished Hebrew scholars in America, was born at Hanover, N. Y., December 26, 1849, and received his first diploma of graduation from Phillips Academy in 1866. Later he studied at Dartmouth College and at the Union Theological Seminary. He also spent some years in study abroad. In 1890 Dr. Brown became professor of Hebrew and Cognate Languages in the Union Theological Seminary and last spring he was chosen president of the seminary to succeed the late Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall. For his distinguished contributions in the field of learning Dr. Brown has been rewarded with honorary degrees from leading universities in America and Europe.

### ADMIRAL DEWEY'S BIRTHDAY.

The Famous Sea Fighter is 71 Years of Age, and in Good Health. Special to Bryan Morning Eagle: Washington, D. C. Dec. 26.—Admiral George Dewey, who received from Congress a vote of thanks and the rank of Admiral in recognition of his distinguished services in the battle of Manila Bay, celebrated his seventy-first birth day today. His friends and admirers throughout the country remembered the anniversary with a flood of felicitous greetings and good wishes.

Admiral Dewey, despite his seventy-one years, is in the full enjoyment of robust health. With the exception of a summer vacation at his old home in Vermont he remains in Washington the greater part of the year. When in the city he never fails to spend several hours each day in his offices in the Mills building, and frequently he is on hand before any of his clerks. As president of the general board he keeps in close touch with all that the navy does and it is safe to say that no one in the land has followed with closer attention or keener interest the progress of the Atlantic battleship fleet on its trip around the world than has the hero of Manila Bay.

As admiral he is always on the active list, and unlike any other officer in the army or navy cannot be retired for age or any other cause. At the same time he need not work if he preferred to do nothing and as long as he lives he will receive the full pay of his grade, \$13,500 a year.

**Mutton Birds.**  
During six weeks every autumn the 400 inhabitants of the Australian Furieux Islands make enough money to support themselves in idleness the rest of the year. They do this by catching the very fat young "mutton birds" which are hatched here in such numbers that the flocks when they migrate extend for miles. They furnish food and oil, which is used for lubricating purposes and also as a substitute for cod liver oil.

**Making Sure.**  
Country Cousin—Are you sure I am in the right train? Town Relative (who has had about enough of it)—Well, I have asked seventeen porters and thirty-two passengers, and they all say "Yes," so I think you'd better risk it.—London Telegraph.

### DIKES IN GERMANY.

They Are Built With Great Care and Exactness.

When a dike is to be built—and they are still in places making dikes—it is first mapped out by the neatly sharpened stakes, a long straight causeway leading out from shore and widening into a rounded head which abuts on the red line of the channel. Then a ground sill or foundation mattress of willows is woven and sunk at this head and pinned down and held in place by the sharpened pegs. Then wattles are woven and sand filled in, and in places rock, and then, rounding up neatly out of the water and forming a tight covering to the whole, the hand squared blocks of stone are laid, as closely as a city pavement, all over the head and back along the neck to the old shore. It is as permanent and stable as the Harvard stadium, the dike so built, and the river, abandoning the space back of the tip to slack water or to be filled in with sand, flows on with entire grace in the restricted channel beyond the tip.

The care and exactness with which these dikes are made would be laughable if it were not so successful. In a land where hand labor is very cheap days are devoted to doing what in America would be roughly cast by machinery in a couple of hours. But the result is so admirable that one remembers regretfully the ugly pile dikes, the horrid fringes of the improved "off channel" banks of the Mississippi.

Where the dikes have accomplished their purpose and generally on the banks opposite to them the river is revetted above middle water. This, too, is done with the hand squared stones, and as a result the Elbe where completely finished resembles a broad canal between stone lined banks, the stone rising a few feet above the water, and above it the green slope of the fields or a fringe of willows. It is all peaceful, complete and generally beautiful, with at least the beauty of utility where it lacks that of ruggedness and wildness.—Boston Transcript.

### GILA MONSTER'S BITE.

The Reptile Turns Over to Get Venom Into Its Victim.

It was his turning over habit that led me to the discovery as to the bite of the Gila monster. This creature, more like a short, stocky snake with legs on than anything else, has no poison fangs, like the rattlesnake, yet his bite may be just as dangerous. His poison teeth are in his lower jaw, and the poison comes from a gland under the tongue. If he bites without turning over the wound is not serious, but if he turns over there is great danger.

Dr. Snow of the University of Kansas wrote me some time ago of an experience he had with the bite of a Gila monster.

The reptile was caught and put in a bucket, the top of which was covered with paper. The bucket was then put in the wagon in which the doctor was driving. As the road was somewhat rough, the bucket was bounced up and down, and in order to steady it Dr. Snow put his hand behind him and took hold of the bucket, thrusting his fingers through the newspaper cover on its top so that he could hold it secure. Suddenly he felt the monster's grip on his fingers. Startled and somewhat alarmed, he carefully pried the jaws of the reptile open and released himself. The wounds were such as any ordinary bite would have made, and he suffered no more inconvenience than might have been expected.

There are many stories current in Arizona and Sonora as to deaths that have occurred from Gila monsters' bites, but it is hard to get at the facts. Careful experiments made with animals show that when the reptile bites and turns over, so that the poison flows down the tooth grooves into the wound, the bitten creatures die in a short time.—Suburban Life.

**A Dead Bird.**  
Samuel Butler, the witty but eccentric author of "Erewhon," which means "Nowhere," and of many other remarkable and suggestive books, is now more read than during his lifetime. He died in 1902. In one of his notebooks he tells this incident, which must have amused the great Charles Darwin:

"Frank Darwin told me his father was once standing near the hippopotamus cage when a little boy and girl, aged four and five, came up. The hippopotamus shut his eyes for a minute. 'That bird's dead,' said the little girl. 'Come along.'"

**Her Lucky Number.**  
The byways as well as the highways of church life furnish much in the way of wit and humor. What, for instance, could be more mirth provoking than the naive confession of the cook of a London vicar who, being allowed to choose a hymn for the family prayers, was complimented on her choice by the vicar's wife?

"What a nice hymn you chose!" said the latter to the cook.

"Yes, mum; it's the number of my policeman."

**Taking an Advantage.**  
"Your family seem to enjoy going to Europe."

"Yes," answered Mr. Camrox. "Mother and the girls have observed that I am weak on getting the value of foreign money. Things are ordered and paid for before I have time to make any intelligent inquiries as to the expense."—Washington Star.

**Truthful.**  
"I hadn't been talking with him three minutes before he called me an ass. What sort of a person is he?"  
"Well, I never knew him to tell a lie."

**To The Merchants' Association.**  
This is to notify all members of the Retail Merchants Association that the regular meeting of the Association which was to have been held on Friday afternoon, Dec. 25, has been postponed to Monday afternoon, December 28, at 3 o'clock p. m., and the place of meeting will be Carnegie hall instead of the K. of P. hall as usual.

EUGENE EDGE, Pres.  
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**URNS OUT NO CALVES.**  
Many a father, when confronted by his son who has been away to school, can appreciate the words of Aaron when he said: "I threw my gold into the fire and there came out this calf."—Lakewood Progress.

Send your boy to the A. and M. college and he will come out a full grown man and will do something to make Texas grow.—Fort Worth Star.

**NOTICE TAXPAYERS.**  
January is the last month in which taxes may be paid without penalty. For that reason, principally, and also to facilitate the work of this office, I would request that you pay your taxes as early as possible. Respectfully,  
JNO. B. HINES,  
City Secretary.

**ON COMPLAINT OF JOHN D., JR.**  
New York, Dec., 26.—The case of S. S. Carvalho and other officers of the company that publishes William R. Hearst's newspapers in this city, who were arrested last week on charges of criminal libel brought by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was called in court for a preliminary hearing today. It is expected the case will come to trial early in January. The complaint is based on an article which appeared recently in Mr. Hearst's paper under Chicago date line. The headline read "John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Originated Peonage in Stockade. It is Said." The dispatch told of conditions said to exist in a stockade at Argo, Ill. The bringing of the charge is regarded as a counter-attack by the Rockefellers, against whom and the Standard Oil interests the Hearst papers have long waged a bitter warfare.

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### AT HARRIS SCHOOL HOUSE

Christmas Observance a Most Happy Event, and Largely Attended.

To Miss Margaret McLaughlin, teacher of the Harris community school and the untiring efforts of the committees assisting, is due one of the happiest hours which Christmas could bring.

In company with Hon. W. C. Davis The Eagle man drove out to that thriving and hospitable neighborhood Thursday evening to attend the exercises incident to the pre-observance of great natal day. A large Christmas tree had been provided, but it was not large enough to sustain the load which had been provided, and a wire was suspended across the building on which was hung hundreds of bags of fruit and confections which were distributed during the evening.

Unfortunately, Mr. Davis and The Eagle man were late in arriving, and the distribution of gifts was well advanced, when they entered the house. However, they were not overlooked, but were loaded with fruits and confections from the big tree which it seemed could never be stripped of its fruit.

Requested to address the gathering, Mr. Davis, inspired by the emotions of the moment, spoke for fifteen or twenty minutes. His words were full of the spirit of the occasion, and carried his audience back to the time when the star shone over Bethlehem.

Mr. Davis was sincerely thanked for his interesting effort by many of those present, after the close of the exercises.

As stated, Mr. Davis and The Eagle man arrived after the programme of the evening was far advanced, thereby missing the music and speeches which had gone before. Both vocal and instrumental music were rendered; the vocal, a duet, "Love's Old, Sweet Song," by Misses Della and Ella Edge, with organ accompaniment by Miss McLaughlin, and string music by Messrs. M. E. Keith, violin; Jess Wheelless, violin; Bob Carroll, mandolin; Skains, guitar; for whom Miss Lena Gilpin played the piano accompaniment.

Mr. Henry Hudspeth introduced the pleasures of the night in speech which was highly complimented by many who heard it, and Mr. Roy Hudspeth, as Santa Claus was one of the busiest boys imaginable throughout the entire evening.

The tree committee was as follows: Mrs. Mattie Benbow, Miss Bessie Robinson, Mrs. Lucy Smith, Mrs. Ada Sample, Mr. John Smith, Mr. J. L. Samples.

The committee to dress the tree was as follows: Mrs. J. A. D. Robinson, Mrs. Ivy Samples, Miss Mary Presnal, Miss Margaret McLaughlin.

Committee on unloading tree—Messrs. J. A. D. Robinson, Alex Carroll, Horace Beard, S. Skains, Tom Benbow, Floy Smith, Miss Margaret McLaughlin.

Just before the participants in the happy occasion were dismissed, Mr. W. L. Edge arose and expressed thanks to the teacher and all others for their co-operation, thereby making it such a joyous event.

Following Mr. Edge, Mr. J. A. D. Robinson dismissed the audience with an appeal to the Throne of Grace, that to all might be granted peace on earth, good will to men.

### 6 Locals.

Christmas trees were provided at nearly all the churches in the city for the members of the Sunday schools, and in some instances very interesting programmes were given in connection with the observance.

At St. Andrew's church there was a Christmas tree in the evening preceding the great day, and on Christmas

### OPERA HOUSE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st.



Adelaide Thurston in "The Woman's Hour."

there was morning prayer at 11 o'clock with holy communion and sermon. At the various churches and in many of the school houses the occasion was happily observed.

### River Bulletin.

River Stages: In feet and tenths. (75th Meridian time.)

Stations	Flood	Stage at
Brazos River—	stage	S. a. m.
Kopperl	21.0	0.2
Waco	22.0	1.5
Valley Junction	40.0	5.2

### River Forecast.

There will be no important change in the Trinity, Brazos and Colorado rivers.

B. BUNNEMEYER,  
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# Merry Xmas!

With hearts full of gratitude the Management of the EAGLE wishes its Advertisers and Subscribers all the joy that the festive season may bring, and bountiful blessings during 1909.

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### GRAND OPERA HOUSE

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Box Handkerchiefs 1.50  
Box Handkerchiefs 90

Our store offers some specials to you this week in Holiday Goods. You will find the center tables arranged with display of holiday merchandise at prices that are an inducement to the Christmas shoppers. We place on sale today one lot of very beautiful Japanese drawn work at one-half the regular price. Aside from this we are showing a beautiful line of Men's Neckwear in fancy Christmas boxes that are gems of beauty in this seasons popular shades—red, green and brown. Also a large assortment of very handsome suspenders, put up in handsome Christmas boxes—these range in prices from 50c, 75c to \$1.00 a pair. For the ladies we have a beautiful line of fancy notions at popular prices; these include alligator hand bags, purses, gloves, etc., belt pins, belt buckles, ribbons, gloves, hosiery.

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### HIS ALIBI.

It Cleared the Accused, but Furnished an Odd Sequel.

A highly respectable gentleman arrived at York one evening with luggage and dined well, went to bed early, rose in good time and had a substantial breakfast. After this meal he casually asked the landlady if there was anything of special interest in York. "The assizes are on, but I do not know if there is anything particularly interesting in the list," was the response.

"Thanks," drawled the stranger. "I'll look in if I happen to pass the court and see."

He did look in and heard a follower of Dick Turpin in the dock, charged with highway robbery, pleading his innocence vehemently to a stolid judge and jury, who, with firm faces, did not look as if they placed much credence in the prisoner's profession of innocence. Suddenly the prisoner caught sight of the stranger, who had strolled in from the hotel out of curiosity.

"Here, thank God, is some one who can prove my innocence!" cried the prisoner, pointing to the stranger, who was agitated at becoming the center of interest so unexpectedly.

He seemed astonished and shook his head.

"Oh, yes," cried the accused, "just think! You were at Dover—a long way from here. You came out of the ship hotel, and I took your luggage in a wheelbarrow to the Calais packet at the pier. That was the day I am supposed to have committed the crime up here."

The stranger seemed bewildered. The judge, struck with the tragic earnestness of the prisoner, questioned the stranger, but the latter could not assist him much.

"Have you any notebooks," asked the judge—"any memorandum of your movements on that day?"

"I am a merchant," replied the stranger, "connected with an old established firm of bankers in London. I travel a lot and of course enter everything in my books. Here are my keys if the court cares to send to my hotel and bring here the books out of my case. I can easily settle the point."

The books were fetched. The gentleman had been in Dover that day and had left by the Calais packet. This was sufficient for the judge and jury. The prisoner was acquitted.

Come sequel: Both the "banker from London" and the highwayman were placed in the same dock shortly afterward charged with daring burglaries in the neighborhood.—Harry Furniss in London Standard.

### The Usher Woke Up.

At a certain county court the judge is in his private capacity a kind hearted man. The usher of the court is aged—very aged—but as he had been a faithful servant for many years he was retained in that capacity. One morning he fell asleep in court and began to snore. The noise he made naturally disturbed court proceedings, but the judge displayed great tact in dealing with the matter.

"Usher Jones," he called out loudly, "some one is snoring!"

The usher woke up. He jumped to his feet and glared ferociously round. "Silence!" he roared. "There must be no snoring in court!"—Exchange.

### Without Imagination.

There is a certain New York business man of a rather vagabond disposition who contends that his wife has no imagination.

At dinner one night he chanced to mention a tragic circumstance he had read in the evening paper on his way home. A passenger on a transatlantic steamer had fallen overboard in mid-ocean and had never been seen again.

"Was he drowned?" asked the wife. "Of course not," answered the irrepressible hubby, "but he sprained his ankle, I believe."—Lippincott's.

### Heartless Gamblers.

The rage for gambling at White's and Almack's clubs in London in other days led to most outrageous betting, as to which Walpole tells what he calls a good tale: A man dropped down in a fit before the door and was carried inside. The club instantly made bets as to whether he would die or not, and when a doctor was called in to attend him his ministrations were interfered with by the members because, they said, these would affect the fairness of the bets.

### Pitiful Sales.

Kits of sailors lost at sea are sold regularly at auction at the Albert docks in London. The sale provides many a pitiful sight. Most of the lots are contained in the regular sailor's sea chest, all marked with the name of the ship from which they come. It is not unusual for those who have lost friends or relatives at sea to attend these auctions, and there are times when the first news of such a loss comes through the recognition of familiar objects.

### A Fair Offer.

Small boy (who has been watching amateur gunner's failures for an hour or more)—Say, mister.

Sportsman—Well, what is it, boy?  
"Gimme a uickel an' a startin' far as the fence an' you kin have one at me."—Life.

### Reformed.

"I hear your son is something of an aviator, Mrs. Comeup."  
"Well, to tell the truth, he was a bit that way, but he's taken the pledge."  
—Baltimore American.

Flowers are the sweetest things that God ever made and forgot to put a soul into.—Beecher.

### STUNTED OAKS.

Miniature Trees That Are Grown in China Bowls.

In the window of a florist stood some quaint china bowls, in each of which grew a tree—not a shrub, but a full sized tree, dating back many years. "Yes," replied the florist to the writer's inquiry, "they are real trees—oaks, maples and beech trees. We get them from Japan, where the secret of how to rear them is known only to a few. They are raised from seeds or specially selected cuttings, which are watched and tended with that marvelous patience inherent in the eastern races. Fifty years may pass before the tree is considered salable. During this period the plant is trained and its natural tendencies subjugated to the will of the rearer. The gardener prunes and trims and rears and directs with what Carlyle called genius—an infinite capacity for taking pains. A wayward twig may be bound up for two or three years to insure its correct growth. Periodically the tree is re-potted. Each time this happens the roots are carefully examined and useless fiber cut away. Everything is done to concentrate the life of the tree in the smallest possible space. And in time, after years of labor, the plant loses its ability to send out long, lusty shoots and becomes a delightful miniature of its larger brethren."—Montreal Standard.

### THE NIGERIAN BABY.

Water Soaked Inside and Outside at the Morning Toilet.

Matrons of the west may be interested to hear the details of the Nigerian native baby's morning toilet. Anything over three months old is no longer a "baby" to the native water-familias and is bathed with the other children, generally a numerous brood, in the chill morning air before sunrise. The little mite yells lustily while the cold water is splashed over its brown body and generally continues the chorus when put aside to dry. Towels do not form part of the household equipment. The bathing process finished, the infants are subjected to a sort of water cure treatment. The mother seizes a child, scoops up a handful of water and, using her thumb as a kind of spout, squirts it with extraordinary dexterity into the youngster's mouth and down its throat. Protests in the shape of loud gurgles, horrible chokings and desperate struggling are quite unheeded. The steady stream of water continues to pour down the child's throat until the mother's practiced touch on the patient's distended stomach tells her that the limit of capacity has been reached. All babies are submitted to this treatment, which is believed to have a most strengthening effect.—London Standard.

### Advice to Smokers.

Here are a number of don'ts for smokers, some of which no doubt will surprise a good many men: Don't smoke directly after a meal. There is the most irresistible craving to smoke, but it is wiser to wait a half hour or an hour. Don't smoke out of doors in a high wind or in cold, frosty weather. In the former case it is dangerous, and in the latter it cracks the lips and prevents proper breathing. Don't smoke with the cigar or pipe held at the corner of the mouth. This excites the secretion of more saliva than when the cigar or pipe is held straight in front. And, above all, don't get in the bad habit of expectorating frequently when smoking. It is quite unnecessary and merely a habit and harmful.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

### Ignorant, but Careful.

"Ignorance nearly always makes fools of us," said a lecturer. "I remember a man, ignorant of etiquette, who once sat beside me at a public dinner. I noticed that this man, as soon as he was seated, took up one by one the knives at the right of his plate and began to try their edges on his thumb. A waiter behind him leaned forward and said in a hurt tone: "The knives are all sharp, sir." "The point is," said my neighbor, "I'm looking for a blunt one. Last time I attended a banquet here I cut my mouth!"

### An Obedient Tiger.

"How entire," remarks the London Globe, "is the confidence of the native East Indian in the government may be gathered from the following anecdote, which comes from Lahore: A tiger had escaped from the zoological gardens, and its keeper, hoping to lure it back, followed it. When all other inducements had failed, he lifted up his voice and solemnly adjured it in the name of the British government, to which it belonged, to come back to its cage. The tiger, it is needless to add, obeyed at once."

### Foul or Fair Weather.

Small Wallace accepted an invitation to a party, as follows: "Dear Louis—I will come to your party if it don't rain" (then, thinking that he might have to stay at home in that case), "and if it does."—Delmarator.

### A Real Tumbler.

"I saw a goblet today made of bone."  
"Pshaw! I saw a tumbler made of flesh and blood last night."  
"Where?"  
"At the circus."

Of noise alone is born the inward sense of silence, and from action springs alone the inward knowledge of true love and faith.—MacDonald.

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